Target for completion of NH projects

1983. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has failed to achieve the target of completing the projects during 2007-08;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the factors responsible for delay in completion of various projects by NHAI have been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the overall cost escalation in such projects and the steps taken by Government to complete the task without any further loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (b) In the year 2007-08, out of a target of 2885 Kms for completion of construction across all phases of NHDP, achievement was 1614 kms. The phase-wise details of actual achievement under NHDP is as under:—

NHDP Phase	2007-08	
	Target (kms)	Achievement (kms)
NHDP Phase-I	437	213
NHDP Phase-II	2013	1020
NHDP Phase-III	435	381
NHDP Phase-V	0	0
TOTAL	2885	1614

(c) to (e) Progress of work has been affected due to delays in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, obtaining environmental clearances, poor performance by some contractors etc. In order to expedite completion of projects, regular monitoring of progress of works, action against poor performing contractors, resolution of issues like land acquisition, grant of forest clearances etc. have been initiated. The overall cost escalation due to delays can only be calculated after completion of the projects.

NHs damaged in rains

†1984. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.